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Custodian of Defendant funds herein (Defendant Jesus Pascual), by his attorney, Joseph P. Carrozza, as and for his Verified Answer to the Verified Complaint of the United States of America (The Government), alleges, as follows:

- 1. Denies each and allegations in Paragraph "1" of the Complaint
- 2. Admits the allegations in Paragraph "2", except that portion beginning with "because the actions and omissions giving rise to forfeiture."
- 3. Denies knowledge or information to form a belief as to the allegation in Paragraph "3."
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegation in Paragraph "4."
- 5. Denies all allegations in Paragraph "5."
- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allocation in Paragraph "6," except admits he denied the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

- 7. Denies all allegations in Paragraph "7."
- 8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegation in Paragraph "8," except he admits that portion beginning with "the officers found," and ending with, "a rolex watch inside the safe."
- 9. Repeats and incorporates herein by reference, the allegations contained in Paragraphs "1" through "8" of this Answer.
- 10. Denies the allegations in Paragraph "10" as they apply to this Complaint.
- 11. Denies each and every allegation found in Paragraph "11."
- 12. Denies each and every allegation in Paragraph "12."

Wherefore, Defendant Jesus Pascual, demands judgment dismissing the Complaint herein returning all funds to him and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: Bronx, NY August 6, 2008

> Joseph P. Carrozza, Esq. Attorney for Defendant

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VERIFICATION

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COUNTY OF BRONX

JESUS PASCUAL, being sworn says: I am the Claimant in the action herein; I have read the annexed Answer, know the contents thereof and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Sworn to before me on

JESUS PASCUAL

Commission Ex